

## News Release

# Nine U of M Crookston Students Obtain Microsoft Office Certification

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (May 31, 2007) – University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) students Jake Anderson, Lakeville, Minn.; Elizabeth Jacobson, Fargo, N.D.; Krista Nelson, Cokato, Minn.; and Shannon Rud, Plummer, Minn. along with Akil Burgess, Carrie Diaz, William Enlow, Mariam Maiga and Donna Hartel, all of Crookston, Minn., have successfully passed the Microsoft Office certification exam.



William Enlow, Carrie Diaz, Miriam Maiga, Shannon Rud and Donna Hartel. (not pictured) Jake Anderson, Akil Burgess, Elizabeth Jacobson and Krista Nelson.

The students in the class received certification in three areas: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint. The students received the certifications at UMC, since it is a testing center for Microsoft Office System (MOS) and Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) certification exams.

Twyla Treanor, assistant professor and MOS certification proctor at UMC, view the training experience as an added bonus. "Microsoft Certification should be a goal to all UMC students, no matter what their major. Microsoft Certification sets students apart as desktop computing experts. Research shows that 91% of managers view certified employees as more competent than their non-certified employees."

Microsoft Office certifications are widely recognized by employers as proof of competency with applications. In today's market, having a certification on ones resume may make a big difference. UMC is pleased to provide this service for students, staff and faculty on campus. The certification exams available are Word 2003 Core, Word 2003 Expert, Excel 2003 core, Excel 2003 Expert, PowerPoint 2003, Access 2003 and Outlook 2003. Additionally, those who are seeking IC3 certification may also take the necessary exams at UMC.

If you would like to schedule a time to take a certification exam, learn more about the certification process or how to prepare, contact Twyla Treanor at 218-281-8181 ([ttreanor@umn.edu](mailto:ttreanor@umn.edu)).

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